The Best Missouri News

Missourl's Great School System.

State Superintendent of Public Schools William T. Carrington has made special efforts to gather accurate statistics covering all phases of school work for his forthcoming report, whether the schools be public, the report will be more complete and accurate in this respect than is usual. report are taken from the advance sheets which have come from the public printer, and make the following

	Rural.	City and Town.
Number of dis-		
tricts	9,119	623
Number of teach-		
ers	10,393	6,530
Average annual		
salary	\$195.70	\$488.30
Average monthly		
salary	\$30.75	\$57.10
Total enumeration	482,284	492,639
Total enrollment.	402,945	301,248
Average attend-		
ance	52,330	212,799
Average length of		
term	126	171
Total teachers'		
wages\$	2,034,111	\$3,186,982

Other expenditures \$776,716 \$2,365,319 Endowments-Public funds (state, county and township), \$13,023,997; private and church endowment, \$6,568,479.

Public high schools-Number of high schools, 283; number of teachers, 909; number of pupils enrolled, 23,117; number of graduates in four years' course, 1,860; number of graduates in three years' course, 2,068; number of graduates in two years' course, 3,215; total high school graduates, 7,143; per cent. of enrolled pupils in high school, 3.2; per cent. of salaries paid high school teachers, 9.2.

Number of teachers-Public, elementary and high schools, 16,923; state institutions (university, normals, etc.), 185; state institutions (for defectives). 90; private institutions (colleges and academies), 1,417; parochial and other private elementary schools, 1,551; total number of teachers, 20,166.

Number of pupils enrolled-Public. elementary and high schools, 704,193; state institutions (university, normals, etc.), 5,086; state institutions (for defectives), 954; private institutions (colleges and academies), 22,072; parochial and other private elementary schools, 48,236; total enrollment in all schools, 780,541.

Annual expenditures for education, \$8,363,128; state institutions (universities, normal schools, etc.), \$686,000; state institutions (for defectives), \$274,000; private institutions (colleges and academies, etc.), \$1,307,700; parochial and other private elementary schools, \$335,000; total education, 1903, \$10,959,828.

Estimated value of school property-Public, elementary and high schools, \$23,339,117; state institutions (universities, normals, etc), \$2,475,000; state institutions (colleges and academies), \$11,531,000; parochial and other private elementary schools, \$3,960,000; total value of school property, \$42,600,-

A Roast for Mr. Vandiver.

The democratic city central committee, of St. Louis, met at the Jefferson club last night and voted to hold the city primary March 12. The committee also took advantage of the occasion offered to aim a stinging rebuke at Congressman W. D. Vandiver. manager for Joseph W. Folk, for his letter asking the committeemen to defer the primary until a late date, so as to give all democrats an opportunity to register. Vandiver is told in the bluntest terms that he is an alien in St. Louis, that his communication is prompted by ignorance and that it will be best for him to mind his own bus-

Shows Much Skill.

J. H. Newman, who lives near Fayette, has just completed a center table on which he has devoted a great amount of work. In the table there are 1,094 pieces of wood and nearly 700 tacks are used in its construction. The woods are walnut, cedar and pine and wood from cigar boxes. The top of the table is composed of 128 pieces of wood.

To See if They Would Run.

E. B. Helam, of Green Ridge, Pettis county, has sued the Katy for \$2,000 damages. He says he was driving near the railroad track when the engineer blew his whistle to see if Helam's mules would run. The results, according to Helam, satisfied him as well as the engineer they would run.

Missourl's Oldest Woman Dead.

"Aunt" Nancy Ann Mitchell, probably the oldest white woman in the state, is dead at the home of her grandson, the city marshal of Fayette. "Aunt" Nancy was born near Knoxville, Tenn., and moved to Missouri with her husband more than 70 years

Eventful Life.

One of the old-timers of Holt county who have had eventful careers is Patrick Fitzmaurice of near Forest City. Mr. Fitzmaurice was born in Mayo county, Ireland, in 1815. He came to the United States in 1844 and settled at private or church. It is believed that Baltimore. He fought under Gen. Scott throughout the Mexican war. He was discharged from the army in 1848 Some of the figures contained in the and the next year crossed the plains to California where he worked two years in the gold mines. In 1851 he returned to the United States by way of the isthmus of Panama. He was married to a Baltimore young woman in 1851, and in the spring of the next year set out for the west with his bride. They rode on the cars as far as St. Louis, where they took passage on a Missouri river steamboat for St. Joseph. St. Joseph, when Mr. Fitzmaurice first saw it, contained just six buildings. He bought the farm on which he now resides in the fall of 1852 and has lived there continuously ever since. Meantime he has added several hundred acres to it.

Three Awarded Judgments.

The Missouri supreme court handed down opinions Thursday in 35 cases. The supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court of Kansas City, giving judgment against the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad for \$10,000 to Judge J. McD. Trimble for fees for one year during the time the railroad was in the hands of a receiver in 1889. The court also affirmed a judgment for \$5,000 in favor of William J. Mathias against the Kansas City Stock Yards company for personal | weighs nearly 4,000 pounds and the lowinjuries sustained while an employe of the company as engineer. A \$1,500 verdict was given to Elijah Sharp against the National Biscuit company for the killing of his five-year-old child by one of the wagons of the company at Kansas City.

Growing Tobacco.

A series of practical experiments conducted during the last year in Missouri demonstrated conclusively that tobacco can be profitably grown in every one of the 114 counties of this state. The industry is on the increase, and the indications are that more tobacco will be planted in Missouri next spring than at any other time in the history of the state. Missouri now ranks as the ninth tobacco state, Kentucky standing first. The fact is therefore remarkable that the latter averages only 808 pounds to the acre, while Missouri has for several years produced 830 pounds to the acre. The maximum yield to the acre in this state is now placed at 1,600 pounds and the minimum at not less than 500.

Hemp for Prison Binding Plant.

The first consignment of hemp to be manufactured into binding twine has been received at the penitentiary. It the other day; "it was not a success. consisted of five carloads of hemp. Three men out of ten stayed with us, The building in which the twine plant will be located is under roof and is fast reaching completion. It is believed the machinery will be installed and the plant in operation by April 1. The labor is to be done by convicts and the output of the plant sold to farmers only at the exact cost of production. This enterprise was created by a bill passed at the recent session of the

Telegraphers Favor Hawes.

A fund of \$500 was voted by the telegraph operators of St. Louis to further the candidacy of Harry B. Hawes for the democratic nomination for governor. Resolutions were also adopted asking all telegraph operators in the state to support him, on the ground that he aided in the suppression of the "money sharks" in 1898. An appeal is to be made to the 5,000 operators in the state to work and vote for Hawes.

He Wanted a Cheap Education.

A young man at the Warrensburg state normal school adopted a new plan for "working his way" through school. Instead of laboring at odd jobs and living on meager fare he decided to educate himself and at the same time fare sumptuously by passing lead dollars. He will finish his education under the tutelage of instructors paid by Uncle Sam.

Marshall to Raise Money.

Marshall has agreed to raise the amount of money necessary to make the survey and procure the right-ofway for the Missouri Central railroad, the new electric line between St. Louis and Kansas City, through Saline

Labor Leader Seeks Mayoralty. Thomas W. Hackett, a labor leader and member of the Union Men's political club at St. Joseph, announced that he would be a candidate for the republican nomination for mayor at the primaries, March 9.

At Poplar Bluff, May 10.

The republican congressional committee of the Fourteenth district has called a convention to meet in Poplar Bluff, May 10, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress.

DINNER OF ANCIENT VIANDS.

Belgian Antiquarian Gives Repast Composed of Eatables Hundreds of Years Old.

An antiquary in the Belgian capital named Goebel recently gave what was perhaps the oldest dinner which has ever been eaten. A description was given by one of the guests, Amaziah Dukes. He says: "At that dinner I ate apples that ripened more than 1,800 years ago, bread made from wheat grown before the children of Israel passed through the Red sea, spread with butter which was made when Elizabeth was queen of England, and I washed down the repast with wine which was old when Columbus was playing barefoot with the boys in Genoa.

"The apples were from an earthen jar taken from the ruins of Pompeii. The wheat was taken from a chamber in one of the pyramids, the butter from a stone shelf in an old well in Scotland, where for several centuries it had lain in an earthen crock in icy water, and the wine was recovered from an old vault in the city of Corinth. There were six guests at the table, and each had a mouthful of bread and a teaspoonful of wine, but was permitted to help himself bountifully to the butter, there being several pounds of it. The apple jar held about twothirds of a gallon. The fruit was sweet and as finely flavored as if it had been picked but yesterday."

When a dinner was recently given in Singapore in honor of the retiring governor, Sir Frank Swettenham, snipe were "on the bill." To provide them the hotel man sent out 40 native hunters to range the province before the dinner. Simply to go to the market, as the New York restaurateur does, is easier.

The plate used at the mansion house dinners of the lord mayor of London est estimate of its value is \$250,000. Much of it is gilt and some of the modern plate is fashioned by remelting from old articles made from silver mined in England 400 years ago.

NO FARMING FOR COCKNEYS.

Experiment at a Salvation Army Farm in England Not a Success.

The Poplar board of guardians decided on an experiment. This was nothing more than sending ten of the ablebodied inmates of Poplar workhouse "back to the land," says a London paper.

Gen. Booth's colony at Hadleigh farm was chosen and one night the ten men of Poplar marched through the gates of the model settlement, each with a bundle containing his new agricultural

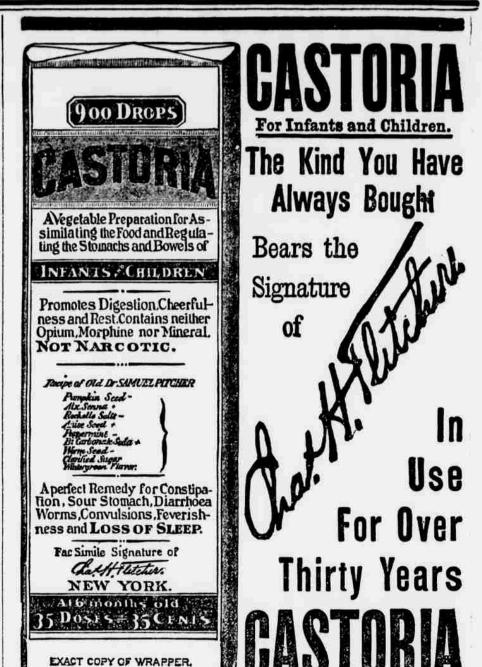
The next morning seven indignant [K. L.] men from Poplar marched into the Castle Inn and called for beer. "Want us to plah and 'arrer," said outraged Poplar; "want to make countrymen of us-nice thing, ain't it."

So they all walked back to London. "No," said an official of the colony and these are doing well. We've had another batch of ten down since then, but only four have deserted so far. Your thorough-paced cockney does not take kindly to a rural life. He prefers selling cabbages to growing them."

The Hadleigh colony receives destitute men of any denomination. In return for their labor they receive fcod and shelter, and in some cases a small wage. The work is mostly of an agricultural character, and the majority of men take kindly to it. The food is good and the accommodation is comfortable.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

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"Some men," said the quoter, "are born great, some achieve greatness—" "And the great majority," interrupted the cynic, "believe they come under both of these heads."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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